

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 is amended as follows:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/289,795, filed on November 7, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,753,183, issued June 22, 2004, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/711,546, filed on November 13, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,509,019, issued January 21, 2003, which in turn is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/209,603, filed on March 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,248,538, issued June 19, 2001, which in turn is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/862,535, filed on June 19, 1992, abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. Patent Application No. 07/862,535 is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP90/02282, filed on December 21, 1990, which in turn is an international filing of German Patent Application No. P39 42 728.5, filed on December 22, 1989, and of German Patent Application No. P40 18 988.0, filed on June 13, 1990.